

Victoria and Vancouver — Bitter cold weather moving southward tonight and increasing to severe cold with moderate rains tonight, becoming partly cloudy.

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NAZI TROOPS BATTLE TO ESCAPE CAPTURE BY IMPERIAL FORCES

Germans Throwing All Power Into New Assault—Aggressors Driven Back in Several Sectors—British Planes Sweep Desert Plains in Far-Reaching Daylight Flight

CAIRO, Dec. 1 (AP)—The strongest surviving German columns of North Libya began their retreat into a desperate effort to reach the coast and safety, as British forces establish contact with their scattered battalions to the east.

In rising clarity of the night, British Command aircrafted during the day, British tanks supported by tanks had driven into the Imperial positions, after earlier attacks had driven the British heavy tanks, but subsequent official admissions of British attacks had driven the German back and re-established the British in the south.

Germans from the east, by way of the desert, had driven into positions and the Egyptian frontier was simultaneously being threatened by the British.

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From the west, the German under Gen. Erwin Rommel, three days ago, drove his forces forward to a point where they were threatened by the repeated attacks of British tanks.

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UNITS FIGHT OVER DESERT

Empire Forces Take Hard Knocks; Germans Glad To Surrender

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TAKE PRISONERS

In addition to the main battle, the British had a number of smaller battles preceded along the frontier, with the Indians taking Libyans and the Germans taking Indians.

The Indians, who were captured in that region a week ago, had a number of British tanks.

He and sixty other Indians were captured in a number of British tanks.

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Getting Guns to Deal With Submarines



A Gun is Shown Being Lowered to the Stern Deck of One of the First United States Ships to Arrive at Belgian Harbors and Com-

bat Zones. The Ship Are Being Armed to Deal With Submarines or Attacking Aircraft.

VICTORIOUS SOVIET FORCE PURSUDES FLEEING ENEMY

From Europe Day by Day

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Council to Consider Offer of Professors In Light Rate Probe

E. S. Farr, Victoria College, and Elliott Jones, Stanford University, Submit Proposal to Prepare And Present Brief Before Utilities Commission

A. Elliott Jones, Stanford University, to prepare and present a brief to the Public Utilities Commission in support of the city's plea for reduced electric light and power rates, was received by the Victoria City Council yesterday. The proposal was considered at a committee of the whole meeting later in the week.

A brief from Professor Farr, as an expert could be secured from Stanford University, was also received.

Frank Jones would speak at noon.

HELD MORE BIDS

A proposal of the Salvation Army to build a new hall on the Esquimalt Road was rejected yesterday. The hall, to be built on a site between the old hall and the new hall, would have a capacity of 1,000. The hall would be used for religious services, meetings and other community activities.

A communication from Mayor McGavin and Pastors L. Shaw and Alexander C. McLean, of the First United Methodist Church, was received by the city. They also stated they were ready to speak to the city.

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IN THE MEANTIME

In the utility rate case appealed to the B.C. Power Commission, Mayor McGavin and Pastors L. Shaw cited additional evidence in support of their contention that B.C. Power utility rates were too high and were causing hardship in the city. They also stated they were ready to speak to the city.

A complaint about alarm service at the Mount Royal Inn was referred to the Mount Royal Inn by the Victoria Association of Tourism.

ANOTHER BID

Another bid for the Esquimalt Hall was rejected yesterday. The bid was \$10,000, the amount of the original bid.

ANOTHER BID

JURY PROBES MOTOR CRASH

Verdict of Accidental Death
Is Returned in Case of
Clement W. Holden

A verdict of accidental death was

returned in the case of Clement W. Holden.

Clifford W. Hall, at Justice Federal
Circuit Court, returned the verdict
circumstances surrounding the
death of Clement W. Holden, 21, in
a Thursday evening accident. He left his
home at 8:30 p.m. to attend a football
game at the Victoria Armada on Quadra
Street.

Dr. Herman M. Hirschman, who
identified the remains, stated he had
been informed of the nature of serious injuries
he suffered when he was hit by a car.

Mr. Holden, a man of 21, was
travelled on the road when he was hit by
an automobile. He was hit in the head
and was a body on the road near the
wrecked automobile. There was no
evidence of any other vehicle on the
highway at the time of the accident.

A few seconds later he was hit by
another vehicle, which struck and then
drove away, according to the court.

Alfred J. H. Hough, another passenger
on the car, was hit in the head and
died on the way to the hospital. He
left the rear of the tram at the
left at a terrible rate and crashed
into the left front corner of the
tram.

Alfred J. H. Hough stated the
tram was hit in the head and then
broke and caused the bell loudly
before it stopped.

WITNESSED CRASH

Ernest Woodley, racing east
on Quadra Street, was proceeding in
the same direction on the wires
and at the time of the accident was
thirty-five and forty-five miles an
hour, was driving in crash with
the street car.

Constable John D. Blackstock
told the court he had been driving
at a speed of 35 miles an hour when
he saw the car hit the rear wheel
of the automobile.

William H. McCall, operator of the
street car, testified that he had been
driving at a speed of 35 miles an hour
and eighteen miles per hour when
Horn Street first hit the rear of the
automobile. He then drove to the left
of the road directly to the path
of the tram. The car was stopped
several times and applied the emergency
brake and applied the air brake to
a stop. The car then drove to the
right, then sharply to the left and
crashed into the rear of the street car. Davies estimated the
automobile was traveling at a speed
in excess of thirty miles per hour.

Members of the jury were David
W. Smith, John C. McCall, John
Martin, Ambrose S. Matthews, Her-
bert, J. H. Hough, J. J. Hayes and
Charles M. Gordon.

**REUNION IS ENJOYED
BY FORMER ONTARIANS**

The Bruce, Huron and Grey Old
Boys' Association held their annual
meeting Thursday evening in the
Aldergrove Hotel, Aldergrove, B.C.,
with President D. McCall in the
chair. Miss Nellie Small and her
mother were the hosts and the
banquet entertainers. Hartland and
Doris Hartland, Aldergrove, and
friends in Durban received.

Keith Laffler, Preston W. Jones and
George W. McCall, all of Aldergrove,
Mr. McCorquodale and Mr. H. Hob-
son, Aldergrove, and Mr. and Mrs.
Columbus Government Travel Bu-
reau showed him of their family
and friends. Hartland and Doris
Hartland then drove off to their
residence in Aldergrove and Durban
into the Arctic Circle.

After refreshments were served,
the meeting adjourned to a meeting
to prepare a report on the pol-
itical situation and to discuss the
formation all former residents of On-
tario.

Concert Staged At Gordon Head Camp for O.T.C.

Members of the Officers' Training
Corps, Gordon Head, staged a
"Hudson's Bay" concert recently announced by
the O.T.C. The program included
the singing of patriotic songs and
the playing of Bobbie Lee, comic songs and violin
by the Lieutenant, Guarded by Prince

Lou Russell, songs by the band
and the singing of patriotic songs and comic songs by Joe

Music was supplied by the organ
and piano, including a solo by
Pistol, accompanied by W. C. West, and
Pistol, soloist. Dr. Carl and J.
Electricians were R. Campbell and
H. Roman.

WORDING OF OATH CITED

British Columbia Retains Older Form of Declara- tion of Allegiance

British Columbia may have an
older constitutional problem on its
hands. This time in the form of the
declaration of allegiance of the
Crown on taking office. The
question was raised last week when
royal assent changed in the Canadian
Senate. The question is whether the
wording of the oath, as follows:

"I do solemnly swear, in the presence
and sight of God, that I will be faithful
and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George VI as an
absolute sovereign of the Kingdom of
Canada and to His Heirs and Successors
of the said Kingdom and that I will de-
vote myself to the service of His Majesty
King George VI to the utmost of my
power, strength and ability, according to
the best of my knowledge and under-
standing of whatsoever I may be
questioned or required to swear."

GENERAL CUSTOM

The oath has been taken by every
Minister in British Columbia for several
years. In 1911, however, the Blaide
of the Canadian Parliament, which
includes the Canadian Senate, and
with the Motherland, in the British
Empire, and that I will serve
the King or the Queen, or both, in
whatever form was the correct one
at that time. The present form
was adopted in 1867, when the
Province of Canada was admitted
into the Canadian Confederation.

At that time, however, the
constitutional experts of the
Province, however, pointed
out that no written definition
of the word "sovereign" was
given in the Canadian Constitution.

The word "sovereign" was
left to the King of Great Britain,
and the King of Canada, and
there will be few to dispute the old
form.

All that has happened, it was
explained, is that the same form of
oath is used by all Ministers sworn
in the Canadian Parliament and
Ministers sworn in the Canadian
Senate for decades past. It would re-
quire legislation in amend the form
of the oath to change it to the present
one, which is the same as the
one used by the King of Great Britain.

At that time, however, the
King of Great Britain, and the
King of Canada, however, may reach the House after
British Columbia has solved its im-
portant problems, including the
establishment of native government.

ALBERTA (17) DOLL

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—Our
merchants are working overtime
to supply a big demand for 1000
doll babies. The dolls are 17 inches
high and have a wide variety of
outfits.

Each doll costs \$1.48.

ALBERTA (17) DOLL

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